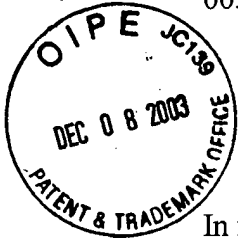


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

ANDREAS GERHARD BAAR ET AL. )

Application No.: 09/029,408 )

Filed: October 1, 1998 )

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING )  
MOULDINGS WITH A BARRIER )  
LAYER MADE OF )  
BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL )  
AND MOULDINGS PRODUCED )  
ACCORDING TO THIS PROCESS )

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO *EX PARTE* QUAYLE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, a response to which is due by December 21, 2003, applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be amended as follows: